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**From:** Darrell thompson [mailto:[Moritz.Brigette@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:Moritz.Brigette@epamail.epa.gov)] **Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy**  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 7:35 PM  
**To:** Mccarthy, Gina  
**Subject:** pumping aquifers

Dear Ms. McCarthy,

As you may be aware, the El Dorado Benson AZ, LLC “Villages at Vigneto” development with it's projected 70,000 people, golf course, lakes, orchards and vineyards is slated to start very soon. All water for this development will be pumped from the aquifer under this desert. This development does not properly consider this desert landscape’s limited water resources and its relationship with the fragile, and nationally significant San Pedro River migratory corridor which is already struggling with lack of water issues.

I have lived in the San Pedro Water Shed for 15 years and have come to really appreciate how valuable underground water is because of our long term extreme drought situation that we have here. Like many communities across the west and mid west we are becoming aware of the critical issue of pumping aquifers. Many of which will take hundreds of years to restore if they can restore at all given the consistent drop of the water table.

With all this in mind the citizens of Cochise County, **urgently** need your help in halting Benson, Arizona’s grossly irresponsible housing development.

As I mentioned, the City of Benson is already moving forward with planned development in this desert, despite the Army Corps of Engineers reevaluation of the permit. I and many others sincerely believe that this cities economic growth should not come at the expense of our dwindling water supplies and natural environment; nor at the expense of our children.

In the face of climate change we must reevaluate large unconscious developments such as this if there is to be any hope for a sustainable future.

Thank you so much for your attention.

Sincerely,

Darrell Thompson

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